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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH DEFECTOR -- ION POPA

REF: FBI TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE JULY 30, 1976(302012Z)

- 1. DURING CALL AT DEPARTMENT ON ANOTHER MATTER ON AUGUST 9 ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR NICOLAI INQUIRED ABOUT NAPOLEON FODOR'S REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH FORMER EMPLOYEE OF ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE, ION POPA. AMBASSADOR NICOLAI STATED THAT POPA HAD TOLD FODOR DURING APRIL 23 CONFRONTATION THAT HE HAD BEEN WILLING TO PAY BACK MONEY WHICH HAD BEEN STOLEN FROM COMMERCIAL OFFICE. DEPARTMENT OFFICER NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN PRESENT AT POPA-FODOR CONFRONTATION AND THAT POPA HAD INDICATED AT ONE POINT THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY CLAIMS OF COMMERCIAL OFFICE, BUT HE DID NOT ADMIT STEALING MONEY FROM OFFICE. OFFICER NOTED THAT POPA HAD BEEN ADVISED OF FODOR'S REQUEST FOR A MEETING BUT HE HAD NOT GIVEN RESPONSE.
- 2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT POPA BE CONTACTED THROUGH CLEVELAND OFFICE AND ADVISED OF AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A DEFINITIVE RESPONSE FROM POPA SO THAT AMBASSADOR AND COMMERCIAL OFFICE CAN BE INFORMED WHETHER POPA WILL AGREE TO A MEETING OR WHETHER CONFIDENTIAL

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